

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 15, 2014 at the Village office at 1 S. High St. Covington. Mayor Ed McCord called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following roll call was taken for council:

Present:	Doris Beeman
	Bud Weer
	Keith Warner
	Lois Newman
	Joyce Robertson
Absent:	Scott Tobias

The council packet included minutes from the 9/02/14 meeting, check list (7907-7931), fund balance sheet, village administrator report and R22-14.

Nonmembers present include Frank Patrizio-Attorney, Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Chief Harmon and Carmen Siefring-Fiscal Officer, and the newspaper.

Agenda:

A motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Robertson to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 09/02/14 meeting are approved as read.

Bills/Financials

No questions or comments. A motion was made by Newman and seconded by Robertson to approve the bills. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors – Tom Deeter addressed council with his concern over the Spring Street sidewalk replacement cost that Council has expressed its' intention of assessing to the homeowners. The overall project consists of water, sewer and storm line replacement, street reconstruction and curb, gutter and sidewalk replacement. The project will be funded with grant money, local financing and likely sidewalk assessments. Mr. Deeter said that he didn't think it was fair that the Village did not assess homeowners for the past Walnut St reconstruction or for the future Safe Routes to School sidewalk project. The mayor explained that when the Walnut St project was underway, past practice had been to not assess. The Village cannot go back in time and assess. However, Village income has declined and in order to proceed with current and future capital projects, Council intends to assess for a small portion of projects for benefited property owners. For two years, the Village has conducted a sidewalk replacement project where homeowners are assessed and Council intends to continue this practice.

Mayors Report

- The mayor informed council that Trick or Treat will be Thursday, October 30th from 6-8 p.m.
- The Optimist will be hosting a costume contest on Tuesday, October 28th @ 7:00 pm. at the Government Center parking lot.
- The Homecoming parade will be October 10th @ 6:30 p.m. with a slightly different route than in past years.
- Ed and Mike recently marked sidewalks for the 2015 sidewalk replacement program.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

Spring Street

- The Miami County Commissioners have signed and returned the notice of award for the project. Contracts have been sent to VTF Excavating for their approval and signatures. We have begun the process of reviewing material submittals. Vectren is replacing the gas lines on Spring Street and is running mains down both sides of the street which means they won't have to cross pipes in the middle of the street when repairs are necessary. Mike expects the project to begin in mid-October 2014 with final completion in one-year.
- Mike is continuing to work on obtaining road salt for the winter season. Salt is in short supply and it is difficult to obtain a commitment from suppliers.
- Mike updated council on information he gained about the bike path while attending a meeting with the park district regarding the State of Ohio Local Government innovation fund.

Legislation

- A motion to approve The Certification by council of the tax to be levied in the Village for municipal purposes on the general duplicates of 2014. The ten mill limitation = \$124,609.55 and the no limitation (voted) amount of \$152,747.20. All ayes. Motion carried.
- A motion to suspend the rules was made by Newman and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion to approve ***Resolution R22-14 Authorizing the Miami County Government Innovation Fund Program and Authorize the Village Administrator to Provide Information and sign all Documents Relating to this Program*** was made by Newman and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried. (The proposed partners include: Village of Covington, Village of Bradford, Miami Co Park District, Piqua, and the Bradford Railroad Museum with local matches of \$1,000/each and the area is from the park to Rangeline).

- Following an earlier discussion, a motion was made by Weer and seconded by Beeman to approve a ***Sidewalk Assessment for the Spring Street Reconstruction Project in the amount calculated by 4'x4"thick x linear footage x contractor cost***. There will be a 6% administrative fee for those property owners choosing to have the cost assessed to their taxes. There will be no extra charge for sidewalks that may need more concrete or have more approaches, etc .

Police

A motion was made by Newman and seconded by Robertson to accept the resignation of Eric Grilliot as a part-time police officer effective 8/1/14. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Weer and seconded by Newman to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.
8:00

Fiscal Officer

Mayor